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### City Council Adopts Changes to Bainbridge Island Speed Limits

**Bainbridge Island, Wash.**, (March, 2016) At their Regular Business Meeting on March 9, the City Council took actions that will impact speed limits throughout Bainbridge Island.

The first action taken by Council was to adopt the island-wide speed limits proposed by the Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Committee (NMTAC). In more densely zoned and developed areas such as the Mixed Use Town Center, Neighborhood Service Centers (Lynwood Center, Island Center & Rolling Bay Center), High School Road District I and II, and all roads designated as Residential, the maximum speed limit will be 25-mph. Less-densely zoned areas and roads designated as Collectors and Arterials will have a maximum speed limit of 35-mph. Speed is a risk factor in traffic collisions, and the likelihood and severity of injuries are greater when higher speeds are involved. These changes are intended to enhance safety and reduce stress levels for non-motorized modes.

The setting of maximum speed limits on City roads does not result in all such roads having the specified limit applied. Site-specific traffic studies may indicate that a lower limit should be applied. The net result of this change at this time, without further traffic studies, will result in the roads in the attached map being reduced from the current 40-mph speed limits to 35-mph. In addition, portions of Fletcher Bay Road, Miller Road, and New Brooklyn Road that pass through the Island Center NSC would be reduced to 25 mph.

During the meeting the Council also voted to accept the “2015 Focused Traffic Study” prepared by Perteet, Inc. dated February 9, 2016 and approve Resolution No. 2016-06 reducing speed limits per study recommendations. The recommendations that involve traffic changes other than speed limit reductions will be addressed in future capital improvement project plans. The following changes will be made in regard to speed limit reductions:

- Eagle Harbor Drive from McDonald to Taylor – Reduce speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.



- Lafayette Avenue from Euclid to Sunrise – Reduce speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Manzanita Drive from Day to Hidden Cove – Reduce speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.
- Phelps Road from Madison Avenue N. to Hidden Cove – Reduce speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph.
- Intersection of Phelps and Euclid – Install “cross traffic does not stop” warning signs.
- Sunrise Drive from Day Road to Lafayette Avenue – Reduce speed limit from 35mph to 30 mph.
- Valley Road – Maintain speed limit at 35mph.

The City estimates that the changes will be implemented within the next month. The Bainbridge Island Police Department wants to assure residents that ample time will be given to allow community members to adjust to the changes before enforcement actions commence. According to Chief Matthew Hamner, “Officers of the Bainbridge Island Police Department are committed to making sure that proper time is given to the public to adjust to the changes. We want behavior change to happen because of education, not because of enforcement.”

For more information about the speed limit changes visit the [City website](#).

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